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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 11-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)

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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8,11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hopkinson et al (US20030050194; 3/13/03) and Schlatter et al. (US20050215432; 6/29/05 in view of Provisional application 60325902; 9/28/01). Hopkinson et al. teach agricultural composition comprising an agricultural active such as insecticides (abamectin, thiamethoxam) and nematicides (paragraph 34,36) plus an anionic surfactant such as C8-18 alcohol polyalkoxyether phosphates (paragraph 18) plus nonionic surfactant. The agricultural active compounds may be used in combinations (paragraph 41). Adjuvants can be added to the agricultural compositions (paragraph 43). The agricultural compositions can be formulated as aqueous suspensions (paragraph 48). The agricultural compositions can be applied to seeds and plants. Hopkinson et al. do not teach that their nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylated phenol. However, Schlatter et al.'s provision application is drawn to an aqueous composition comprising a neonicotinoid such as thiamethoxam (page 6) used for the protection of plant propagation materials (seeds) against insects and/or acarina (page 1 paragraph 1). The composition includes an anionic surfactant such as phosphate esters of polyalkylated alkyl alcohols or polyarylphenol polyalkoxyether phosphates (page 9 line 23 - page 10

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line 23) Schlatter et al. teach that the composition can optionally comprise nonionic surfactants such as ethoxylated tristyrylphenol and ethoxylated nonylphenol (page 10 line 25 – page 11 line 14). It would have been obvious to modify the invention of Hopkinson et al. to include the ethoxylated tristyrylphenol and ethoxylated nonylphenol taught by Schlatter et al. One would have motivated to do this since Hopkinson et al. allows for the inclusion of a nonionic surfactant and since both Schlatter et al. and Hopkinson et al. teach the utility of controlling insects.

Election Status

The elected invention comprising abamectin, polyalkoxyether phosphate and alkoxyated phenol is not allowable (see rejection above).

Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALTON N. PRYOR whose telephone number is (571)272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Alton N. Pryor/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1616